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Human Trafficking Display and Lecture at Northwest Iowa Community College

Northwest Iowa Community College Diversity Committee hosts Sister Shirley Fineran of Briar Cliff University on November 28 to present at 11:15 am about the realities of Human Trafficking. She brings a multi-piece walk through exhibit that will be on display Monday, November 28 through Friday, December 2 in Building A, Room 117. The public is welcome to attend.

In her lecture on Human Trafficking Fineran will present information for students of all ages, parents, grandparents, educators, providers, and professionals:

- Human trafficking categories and examples
- The various ways that young people are recruited into sex trafficking
- Indicators of vulnerability and exploitation
- How to safely and effectively respond to the possible victimization of children and youth whether they are living at home and attending school while under the control of a trafficker or being transported on a “circuit” throughout Iowa and beyond
- Iowa and national anti-trafficking legislation; and how to use our laws to advocate for youth
- Siouxland Restoration Center for women survivors.

Sister Shirley Fineran, O.S.F., has been an active volunteer in peace, justice and women’s issues for more than 50 years as a Sister of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa. She is a tireless advocate for comprehensive immigration reform and educating others about human trafficking. Sister Shirley has been a founding member of the Food Bank of Siouxland, Siouxland Habitat for Humanity, Siouxland Unidad Latina, and Justice for Our Neighbors Immigration Clinic, and the newly organized Siouxland Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Sister has received the Briar Cliff University Service Award, the Quota Woman of the Year award, the War Eagle Human Rights Award, and the 2016 Women of Excellence Marilyn Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award. She has served on the local boards of Mercy Hospital Diversity, Boys and Girls and Family Services, Leadership Siouxland and the United Way.

Sister Shirley Fineran is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Briar Cliff University and Director of the Social Work Field Education Program. She has a Master's Degree of Social Work from the Jane Addams School of Social Work at the University of Illinois.